

REPORT

CD NO.:

STAT

DATE OF INFORMATION 1949

DATE DIST. 8 Apr 1949

NO. OF PAGES 1

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANINGS OF ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U.S.C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Chinese newspapers as indicated. (Information requested.)

OIL REFINERIES IN TAIWAN AND KANSU

OIL DRILLING AT OKO (TA-HU), TAIWAN -- Ch'uan-min Jih-pao, 24 Jan 49

On 20 January drilling began on a new oil well near Oko, between Tainan and Takao (Kao-hsiung). Drilling has extended to a depth of 2,500 meters, and progress thus far is reported satisfactory. If oil is found, Taiwan refineries will not have to depend on the 200,000 to 300,000 tons of Arabian crude oil now imported annually.

A pipe line carrying 7,000 tons daily has been installed; it connects the refinery with the Lin-ya-liao wharf for facility in shipping.

TAKAO REFINERY INCREASES DAILY OUTPUT -- Hsin Sheng Pao, 10 Feb 49

The Takao Oil Refinery has stepped up its production to 10,000 barrels of 42 gallons each per day. This refinery supplies 25 percent of the nation's oil consumption. Depending on the market, it can increase production to 24,000 barrels daily, which is five times the output of the Lao-chun-miao refinery in Kansu, and 50 percent more than the amount produced under management of the Japanese Navy. The refinery employs 170 technicians. Wong Wen-hao recently spent 4 days at Takao directing the refinery's operations.

YU-MEN, KANSU, REFINERY -- Hsin Sheng Pao, 5 Feb 49

In 1943 the entire refinery was swept away by a flood caused by melted snow flowing into the Shih-yu Ho (Kerosene River) which bordered the plant. A new plant was built at Ssu-tai in 1945, with a pipe line 387 kilometers long. New cracking equipment was installed in 1946 and additional equipment in 1948, making the refinery the best in the nation.

In 1949 it is planned to drill 16 new wells in the Lao-chun-miao area. In May 1948, this field yielded 800,000 gallons, sufficient to meet the needs of the entire Northwest.

The refinery is organized into various technical and administrative departments, employing 63 officials and 683 workmen.

- E N D -

CLASSIFICATION

RESTRICTED

[illegible]